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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action that was mailed on August 13, 2008, 2008, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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